

Third Annual Clean Up DC Bike Ride

Sponsored by

Washington Area Bicyclist Association
Keep Washington, DC Beautiful, Inc.

Saturday April 20, 2002
Registration 8:00 – 9:00 am

Spring is for Cleaning and Riding

Participate in the Clean Up DC Bike Ride! The ride combines a 12-mile ride through parks and neighborhoods with several stops at places in need of a good Spring cleaning. The ride is co-sponsored by WABA, the DC Clean City Coordinator, and Keep Washington, DC Beautiful. The date is March 24th, the kickoff of the Keep America Beautiful's national Great American Cleanup.

The ride begins and ends at the RFK Stadium parking lot adjacent to Benning Road (Metro: Stadium/Armory on the Blue/Orange line). The tour includes convenient parking, coffee, juice and bagels at registration, mechanical assistance before and throughout the tour, impeccable directions and route markings, rest stops with food and beverage, patrolling SAG vehicles. The tour will have knowledgeable road marshals at key intersections.

The route takes riders across the Benning Road bridge, along the Watts Branch trail, and through Fort Dupont Park at a time of year when azaleas and perhaps dogwoods will provide a beautiful backdrop. It is also a time of year for Spring cleaning, and the route will pass by several cleanup sites, primarily in and around the parks, where riders will have an opportunity to pitch in and clean up. Coordinators at the cleanup sites will have plastic trash bags; ***please bring your favorite pair of work gloves.***

When and Where

Saturday, April 20, 2002. Registration will take place from 8:00am to 9:00am at the RFK Stadium parking lot adjacent to Benning Road. This is the same parking lot used by the Farmer's Market; you should park in the area closest to the river. Park free in the stadium parking lot; come via Metro – the Stadium/Armory station on the Blue/Orange Lines is just a few blocks away – or ride your bike to the starting point.

What

Cyclists will be riding on roads under realistic conditions. Roads will be open to normal car traffic. District of Columbia Motor Vehicle Code requires bicyclists to obey all traffic laws, signs and signals. Participants must wear bicycle helmets.

The unique aspect of this ride is the cleanup portion. Riders will stop at designated sites, where a site coordinator will greet them and distribute plastic bags. The participants will spend about 15 to 20 minutes filling the bags with trash. Then they will leave the trash bags behind and continue riding. Department of Public Works trucks will come by shortly after to take away the trash bags.

Sponsors

The Washington Area Bicyclist Association, or WABA, is a nonprofit organization that advocates for better bicycling throughout the national capital region. The District of Columbia Clean City Coordinator was established by Mayor Anthony Williams to coordinate efforts to keep the District of Columbia clean. Keep Washington DC Beautiful is the local affiliate of Keep America Beautiful.

Free Ride

Because we are asking you to pitch in to help clean up DC, riders will not be charged a tour fee. The costs associated with organizing the ride are being covered by the ride sponsors, the Washington Area Bicyclist Association and the members of Keep Washington DC Beautiful.

Disclaimer: All participants will be required to sign a release for liability. Children under 16 will be required to participate with an adult.

For more information, or to RSVP or volunteer to help, contact the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA):

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